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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

1. BEFORE UNSC VOTE ON RESOLUTION ON BOTSWANA COMPLAINT  
AGAINST RHODESIA (SEPTTEL), AMB SHERER GAVE EXPLANATION  
OF VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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MR. PRESIDENT, THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE  
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SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER BEFORE US WERE SET FORTH YESTERDAY  
BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON. OUR ABHORRENCE OF THE ILLEGAL USE OF  
FORCE AND OUR COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE ARE FUNDAMENTAL  
UNITED STATES POSITIONS. WE WOULD ONLY WISH TO ADD THAT  
WE RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF THE CO-SPONSORS IN SEEKING TO  
MEET THE VIEWS OF A WIDE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS PLAYED A PARTICULAR ROLE IN SEEKING TO BRING ALL SIDES TOGETHER IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE IN THIS WAY IS BEST SERVED BY JOINING THE UNITED KINGDOM WHICH HAS A VERY SPECIAL ROLE IN THE CURRENT EFFORT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. FOR THESE REASONS WE WILL ABSTAIN.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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2. TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 13-0-2(US, UK) FOLLOWS:

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTERS DATED 22 DECEMBER 1976 (S/12262) AND 12 JANUARY 1977 (S/12275) FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BOTSWANA, CONCERNING HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA,

GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE DANGEROUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE PROVOCATIVE AND HOSTILE ACTS COMMITTED BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST THE SECURITY AND  
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WELL-BEING OF BOTSWANA,

REAFFIRMING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR STRUGGLE TO SECURE THE ENJOYMENT OF SUCH RIGHTS AS SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 232 (1966) OF 16 DECEMBER 1966 AND 253 (1968) OF 29 MAY 1968 WHICH DETERMINED AND REAFFIRMED RESPECTIVELY THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

TAKING NOTE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/154 OF 20 DECEMBER 1976,

CONVINCED THAT THE RECENT PROVOCATIVE AND HOSTILE ACTS PERPETRATED BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME AGAINST BOTSWANA

AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION,

DEEPLY GRIEVED AND CONCERNED AT THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE  
AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE ACTS OF THE ILLEGAL  
REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST BOTSWANA,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION BOTSWAN'S DECISION TO CONTINUE  
TO GIVE ASYLUM TO POLITICAL REFUGEES FLEEING FROM INHUMAN  
OPPRESSION BY THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME,

REALIZING THE NEED FOR BOTSWANA TO STRENGTHEN ITS SECURITY  
IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD ITS SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE,

REAFFIRMING THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
OVER SOUTHERN RHODESIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT  
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UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS,

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNS ALL ACTS OF PROVOCATION AND HARASSMENT,  
INCLUDING MILITARY THREATS AND ATTACKS, MURDER, ARSON,  
KIDNAPPING AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, COMMITTED  
AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN  
RHODESIA

2. CONDEMNS ALL MEASURES OF POLITICAL REPRESSION BY THE ILLEGAL  
REGIME THAT VIOLATE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF  
THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY  
AND LACK OF PEACE IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE;

3. DEPLORES ALL ACTS OF COLLABORATION AND COLLUSION WHICH  
SUSTAIN THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND ENCOURAGE  
DEFIANCE WITH IMPUNITY OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL WITH ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR PEACE AND SECURITY  
IN THE REGION;

4. DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL CESSATION FORTHWITH  
OF ALL HOSTILE ACTS COMMITTED AGAINST BOTSWANA BY THE ILLEGAL  
REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

5. TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC HARDSHIP  
CONFRONTING BOTSWANA AS A RESULT OF THE IMPERATIVE NEED  
TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM ONGOING AND PLANNED  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO HITHERTO UNPLANNED AND UNBUDGETED  
FOR SECURITY NEEDS NECESSITATED BY THE URGENT NEED TO  
EFFECTIVELY DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ATTACKS AND THREATS

BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

6. ACCEPTS THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA TO DISPATCH A MISSION TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF BOTSWANA IN CARRYING OUT ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE PRESENT UNCLASSIFIED

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CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO ORGANIZE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA AND TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN 31 MARCH 1977;

7. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION AND THE FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST BOTSWANA TO CARRY OUT THE ONGOING AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 AND ENVISAGED UNDER PARAGRAPH 6 OF THIS RESOLUTION;

8. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO RESPOND POSITIVELY IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN ORDER TO ENABLE BOTSWANA TO CARRY OUT ITS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS;

9. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER.

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